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# HELP U. S. PREPARE BY FILLING RANKS IS APPEAL TO MEN

West Virginia Needs Soldiers in Order to Complete Its Share of Program.

CHARLESTON, July 22.—West Virginia will be divided into three divisions for the purpose of recruiting men for the Second West Virginia Infantry. Waiting for orders from the department of the East under which they will operate the recruiting officers and their men, including three lieutenants, three corporals and three privates are in camp arranging the probable geographic sections which will be visited from time to time in an effort to get a sufficient number of men to recruit the West Virginia regiment up to war strength. It is believed that this will be done before the other branches of the service are ordered to fill out this state's offering to the government in doing its part to carry out the preparedness program of the nation.

**School for Them All.**  
Schooling of officers and men already in the service is taking up from eight to ten hours each day, with the exception of Sunday, and while considerable progress is being made, there will not be much satisfaction until it is learned how quickly recruits can be obtained. The officers, both federal and state, realize that to arouse any enthusiasm over the idea to induce a large number of enlistments, a careful and systematic campaign will have to be made. The impression gained that the West Virginia soldiers will be in mobilization camp indefinitely and those disposed to enlist wish get farther away from home than they can.

**Want Concentration Camp.**  
In addition to furthering plans for recruiting more men the adjutant general's department is making an effort to induce the war department to make mobilization camp a concentration camp with room for the accommodation of as many soldiers as are already contained in the ninth army division and probably as many more as will be recruited within the next six months.

To reply has been made by the war department to the offer made. Medical officers of the United States army and various military officers and civilian medical experts have recommended the site as combining all the elements necessary to a concentration camp for the accommodation of as many as 10,000 troops. The fact that three trunk line railroads pass up and that the Great Kanawha river is nearby are among the points of advantage included in the recommendation. Climatic conditions, drill grounds, rifle ranges and the suitability of the community for practices all kinds necessary in military training are others.

**Officers Mustered In.**  
Major Jackson Arnold, Captain Harold H. Jones and Lieutenant George F. Whitmore, the officers from First Infantry assigned to recruit duty have been mustered into the regular service. Captain Benjamin H. Jones, also of the First, was also taken into this service as ordnance officer. Captain Cole is a rifle expert, whose ability has been shown at several international army rifle team matches. The first aid instructors to the non-commissioned officers of the regiment are given today by Major F. T. Riddle of the medical department. The aid equipment is on hand. But men of the regiment are in the hospital and their disorders are not of a serious nature. Fewer than ten are tended to sick call and half of them were assigned to light duty. They were relieved from duty because of soreness of their arms following vaccination for smallpox. The application of typhoid fever preventive has been given a number of men, while others will receive the application soon.

**Now Is the Time.**  
There are men of suitable age, physical qualifications making acceptable in the service, who to do their bit in bringing about action in the preparedness movement, the opportunity offers right now that promises to become one of the best infantry organizations in the country before it finishes the work for which it is being perfected. It is the belief in camp that if

# ELKINS BOY ON AN ILL-FATED NAVAL VESSEL

Leo C. Madden, of Mountain City, a Marine on Board the Hector.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM.)  
ELKINS, July 22.—Leo C. Madden, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Madden, of this city, who enlisted in the navy about three months ago and has been stationed at Port Royal, S. C., was one of the marines aboard the naval collier Hector, which grounded off the coast of Charleston, S. C., as the result of the terrific storm. A telegram received by the young man's family stated that he was uninjured and was at the marine barracks in Charleston. Along with sixty other marines young Madden was being sent to Port Antonio, Santo Domingo, where they were to be stationed for a few months.

**Sutherland in Elkins.**  
Congressman Howard Sutherland stopped off in the city for a few days on his return from Parkersburg, where he attended the funeral of Congressman Hunter Moss. Congressman Sutherland is the Republican candidate for United States senator and is pleased with the prospects of Republican success at the polls this fall.

**Married at Parsonage.**  
Robert R. Smith and Miss Lona M. Shreve, both of Mill Creek, were united in marriage by the Rev. William E. Craig at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday morning. They will reside in Mill Creek.

**Install Officers.**  
Tygart Lodge, No. 76, Knights of Pythias, has installed the following officers for the term ending December 31: Chancellor, commander, Frank C. Baker; vice chancellor, D. A. Earle; prelate, W. D. Tyre; master of work, M. D. Brannon; keeper of records and seal and master of finance, George P. Whetsell; master of exchequer, Charles C. Bosworth; master at arms, Austin N. Marsteller; inner guard, John L. Phares; outer guard, J. Howard Taylor; representative to Grand Lodge, W. D. Tyre.

**Tourists Visit City.**  
Among the tourists stopping in Elkins this week were a party of thirteen from Charleston, who evidently are unafraid of the hoodoo. They were: Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dance, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Brightwell, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Couch, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gallagher, DeWitt Gallagher and two drivers. They spent the night enroute at Minnehaha Springs.

**Collins-Rowan.**  
James Henry Collins, of Durbin, and Miss Blanche Rowan, of Mabie, were quietly married Tuesday noon by the Rev. William E. Craig at the Methodist parsonage. They will make their home in Durbin.

**Orchestra Dance.**  
The second of a series of dances to be given by the Elkins Saxophone orchestra was held last night in Nathan Hall and was largely attended.

**Surprise Party.**  
A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mick, of Mill Creek, in honor of their daughter, Miss Ruth Mick. Games and music were the diversions of the evening.

**Celebrate Golden Wedding.**  
In celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harman, a surprise party was held Wednesday afternoon and evening at the home of their son, Preston. The home was tastefully decorated with yellow daisies and at 5 o'clock a chicken dinner was served, following which the party of twenty enjoyed an automobile ride up the city, refreshingly. Returning to the city, refreshments were served at a late hour. The aged and popular honorees received many handsome golden presents. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Preston Harman and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Henry and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Scallon and family, Gladys, Floyd Harman, Parsons; Mrs. E. C. Jordan, Elkins.

**Boys' Camp.**  
Arrangements have been completed for the annual Y. M. C. A. boys' camp, which will start during the coming week and continue for a week or ten days. Secretary Newland, of the local Y. M. C. A., will accompany the boys whose tents will be pitched at a point on the Tygart's Valley river, three or four miles above the city.

**Elks to Have Picnic.**  
Elkins Lodge, No. 1135, B. P. O. E., will hold its annual picnic at Dailey grove, ten miles south of Elkins, next Wednesday. Baseball games, trap shooting, dancing and other features are being arranged for. The Elkins orchestra will furnish the music.

**Personals.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, accompanied by their daughter, Virginia, and son, Frederick, are spending two weeks in New York, Boston and Atlantic City.  
Misses Helen and Hazel and Master Harold Sidwell, who have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Buzzell, have gone to Parkersburg, where the Sidwell family will probably reside in the future. J. S. Sidwell, their father, has been in Mexico for some time looking after the Standard oil interests about Tampico, Mex., and Mrs. Sidwell and the children were living in Texas. Since the recent disturbances, however, Mr. Sidwell was ordered back to the United States and will probably be connected in an important capacity with the Standard oil interests in this section.  
Rev. Henry W. Tiffany, pastor of the First Baptist church in Elkins, accompanied by his family, has gone to Harper's Ferry, where they will spend a month. While away Rev. Tiffany will supply the pulpit of the Metropolitan

M. E. church in Washington, D. C., for two Sundays.

Miss Oda Whitehair is visiting friends at Grafton and Clarksburg.

Mrs. Ernest Hutton, of Jenkins, Ky., is a guest at the home of Mrs. J. Floyd Strader.

Mrs. Levi Johnson has returned to her home in Harbour county after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. French Nestor and daughter, Josephine, of Pittsburgh, are visiting Mrs. C. W. Kennedy and Mrs. J. N. Shreve on Tenth street.

Miss Cora Alderson, of Charleston, is the guest of her brother, C. H. Alderson, Third street, for a few days.

Mrs. Ira Knight, of Pierce, was an Elkins visitor this week.

Miss Mary Winkler, of Pickens, who has been visiting in Richlands, spent some time there this week on her return trip home.

Mrs. F. W. Talbot and two sons, Forest and William, have returned from a visit with relatives in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Mrs. Charles Simon and son, Blair, have gone to South Sterling, Pa., for a visit.

Mrs. H. L. Barham, of Clarksburg, has returned home after a stay of several days with Elkins friends.

Mrs. C. B. Meredith and Miss Cora Meredith, of Morgantown; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Meredith, of Fairmont, and Misses Lillian and Grace Martin, of Shinnston, are guests of Mrs. C. L. Corde, Central street.

Miss Catherine McAllister, of Catonsville, Md., is here for a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. Etta Cost.

Miss Bertha Smith has returned from a visit in Washington. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Thomas Mack and children, of Washington, who will spend the summer here.

Miss Margaret Wilson has returned from a visit with relatives in Beverly.

Mrs. J. W. Biscoff was in Cumberland this week to meet Mrs. J. V. Shipman, who has been in Pennsylvania since the death of her husband, County Agent J. V. Shipman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Friend, of Friendsville, were Elkins visitors this week.

Mrs. H. L. Ewing has returned from a visit with her sister in Washington.

Mrs. L. L. Mahaffey and two sons, who have been visiting Mrs. Mahaffey's mother, Mrs. C. C. White, for some time, have returned to their home in Graham, accompanied by Mrs. White, who will visit them for several weeks.

Mrs. Francis H. Christliff and two sons, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. Christliff's sister, Mrs. William Grant Wilson, Randolph avenue.

Miss Jane Handley, of Greenbrier county, is a guest at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Cary Montague.

Mrs. Delbert Moore, of Oklahoma, is the guest of Mrs. Carrie Mason.

Mrs. L. S. Bliss, of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Hopson, has gone to New York, where she will spend some time before sailing for Cuba to visit relatives.

Mrs. James R. Chandler and son, James, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

Mrs. L. A. Dindinger and daughter, Dorothy, of Bemis, spent several days here this week visiting friends.

Attorney Leroy See has returned from a vacation spent at his old home in Upshur county and fishing at Pickens.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hatfield, of Gosport, Ind., are guests of Mrs. Hatfield's sister, Mrs. Jennie Wainer, on Center street.

Mrs. Fred Dotson, of Cumberland, and Mrs. Fred Morgan and son, Jack, of Fairmont, who have been visiting here for a few days, have gone to the former's home in Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hill Arnold are touring in their automobile through Virginia. They will be away several days and will visit Mrs. Arnold's old home in Staunton.

Miss Dora Shanabarger is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C. Before returning she will also go to Albany, N. Y., and other northern cities.

S. B. Haffner has returned from Baltimore.

Miss Beulah Edwards is in Buckhannon for a week's visit with friends.

Prof. Leo J. Hart, of Burnsville, was an Elkins visitor during the week.

# LOVE LETTERS LITERARY GEMS

Wife's Note to Brother-in-Law "Like Ibsen," Declares Trial Judge.

LONDON, July 22.—This city has been amusing itself with the suit for the restitution of conjugal rights brought by Mrs. Minnie Greene against John Arthur Greene. As Justice Shearman remarked, both had the literary faculty and some of their letters read in court offer prime material for the writer of best sellers.

For example, the husband wrote: "A wife's duty is not only to keep house, but to convert with her charm four walls into a home and to appear in raiment which will knock all the neighbors flat."

**Rescued from Wreck.**  
It seems Mr. Greene fell in love with the woman now his wife when he nursed her through an attack of the smallpox in 1904. She told him a romantic story of how she had been rescued from a wreck by a man in whose house she lived and through whom she had met Greene. This man disappeared.

She further told Mr. Greene she was the daughter of an "educated gentleman," although, according to Mr. Greene's counsel, her father was only "a reasonable north-country policeman."

**Fall of Love's Fervor.**  
The husband accused his wife of having been in love with her brother-in-law. The following letter from Mrs. Greene to the brother was read:

"Dearest and Sweet Harry: Thank you, dear little love, for your sweet letter. Will you believe it, I have not missed 'A' at all today, and I don't somehow long for him as I did. Do I really come first, Harry, with you before anything else? I have not been first to any one before. Oh, what a love I am capable of feeling and giving to some one who understands and appreciates me! Always be tender, true and passionate; be not coarse or rough or cruel. Arthur loves his business first. It is love and the man that matter."

Justice Shearman pondered on the love missive for a moment and then said: "It sounds rather like Ibsen."

"Harry" is not brought into this suit however, for he escaped the alleged wiles of Mrs. Greene and is now happily married.

In another letter Mrs. Greene promised her husband not to commit suicide or go through his pockets. Mrs. Greene testified that she had threatened, before their marriage to go to his father's church (the father is a clergyman) and commit suicide on the altar rail if Mr. Greene did not wed her.

The case has not been decided.

# "GOULASH GUNS" Doing Fine Work at Training Camp of the Federal Marine Corps.

PHILADELPHIA, July 22.—The famous "Goulash Guns" which, second only to the giant howitzers have worked ceaseless wonders in the European war, are being used to feed citizen marines on hikes from their training camp at Lansdowne, Pa. which opened Friday.

More than 200 recruits have already enrolled and the military-naval phase of the marine corps training seemingly carries a strong appeal to young men who cannot make up their minds whether to train for land or sea. All United States marines are trained for both shore and sea duty and the citizen volunteers at Lansdowne are being trained for the double service.

# KEEPS LICENSE YEAR AND HALF

Engagement Broken but Cupid Wins a Wonderful Victory in the End.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 22.—It was a year and a half ago that George R. Tennant, Minneapolis teamster, popped the fateful question.

Miss Nellie Miller, his attentive audience of one, blushed demurely and answered "Yes."

But the tides of life beat heavy and the rosy dreams of a little white vine-covered cottage with a fence running around it and a garden rich handy, which George cherished, faded. The marriage license which George purchased February 2, 1914, was consigned to the bottom of his trunk.

It was just one of those trifling little spats that wrecked the ship. Three times George resurrected the license and three times it was buried with his discontent.

But the other day the frayed document was used.

Miss Miller finally became Mrs. George R. Tennant when they were married at the courthouse. Louis Anderson, janitor, and Rudy Schmidt, deputy clerk of the Ramsey county district court, were the witnesses.

"She's a mighty fine woman, and I was sure we'd shoot the rapids some day," George, smiling happily, said. "I made up my mind I'd use that old license or die with it, and here we are."

"We intended to all the time," said the bride. "Just seemed as though some little thing would come up every now and then to spoil things, though."

Tennant is 45 years old and his bride is four years younger.

# RURAL CHURCH S THING OF THE PAST

In Kansas, Where 500 Edifices Have Already Been Abandoned.

The rural church is becoming an institution of the past in Kansas, and in its place are springing up community centers and the small town churches, with better pastors, better equipment, and more powerful, more democratic, less denominational and more influential. No less than 500 rural and small town churches have been abandoned in Kansas in the last five years, says the Rev. Fred E. Gates, specialist in the rural church and Sunday school problems for the Kansas Sunday School association.

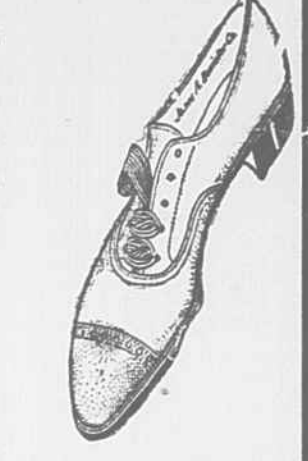
"At least one-half of these churches ought to have been abandoned," said Gates. "As a matter of fact, one-half of them ought never to have been built. The other half have been driven out by the lack of support, a failure to make the rural church the most powerful influence in the community. About one-half of the 500 churches I have on my list as abandoned were built in small towns or communities where there were churches already established and only enough persons in the community to support one church properly."

**Transport Routes Improved.**  
The motor car, higher education and the rural mail routes are credited with the abandonment of the other 250 churches in the state. A map of Kansas of ten years ago shows about 200 more postoffices listed than at the present time. Along with the disappearance of the postoffice, by reason of the rural mail routes, the country store, the country church and finally the town itself have disappeared.

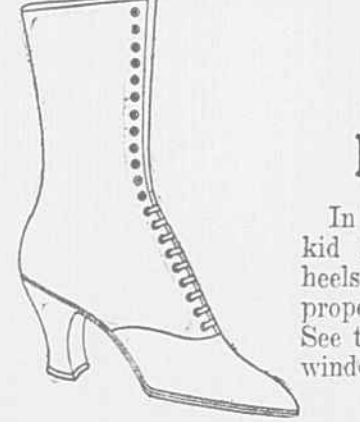
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# SHARK HUNTERS

Organize in Brooklyn with Marine Corps Sergeant as Leader.

NEW YORK, July 22.—A volunteer party of expert shark hunters, led by Sergeant William Dube, United States Marine Corps, retired, is forming in Brooklyn for the purpose of ridding the Jersey coast of the vicious sea tigers that have taken the lives of four persons in the last two weeks.

Many members of the party forming are ex-marines with records for shark killing that stretch from Subig bay to San Pedro de Macoris. Sergeant Dube himself has killed many of the leviathans of the deep.

The Brooklyn volunteers will use hook and line and salt pork bait.

# SAVE DIAMOND TOOTH.

ALTOONA, Pa., July 22.—Fearing that the grave of Caramel Bave, who recently died might be robbed, the man's friends removed the \$100 diamond which he had had set between his two upper front teeth. Bave was a jewelry salesman and diamonds were his hobby. He was known among his friends as the "Diamond King."

# ARKANSAS AFTER "DRY" LAW.

Arkansas voters will decide at the general election in November whether they wish to have repealed the statewide prohibition law, passed by the state legislature, which went into effect January 1, 1916. Initiative petitions seek a substitute local option law.

# SHARK DIDN'T GET HIM, DESPITE THE EVIDENCE

BERKELEY, Cal., July 22.—George H. Baldwin positively denies that he was eaten by a shark, despite seemingly overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Recently a man eating shark was killed off Catalina island, and when its interior was examined fragments of a man's coat were found, to which was attached a pin of the American Society of Civil Engineers bearing Baldwin's name.

His demise was announced in some



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